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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND OTHER TAX PRACTICES

REF: A. STATE 242759; B. GENEVA 4044

1. SECRETARIAT INFORMED US AMBASSADOR PETER LAI (MALAYSIA AND CHAIRMAN OF GATT COUNCIL HAS RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO BE CHAIRMAN OF SUBJECT PANELS.

2. SECRETARIAT ASKED IF WE HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT TAX EXPERT, RECALLING AGREEMENT (PARA 4 REFTTEL B) THAT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN WOULD APPOINT CHAIR OF PANEL AND NOT MORE THAN 3 OTHER MEMBERS WITH AT LEAST ONE AND NOT MORE THAN TWO TAX EXPERTS TO HANDLE ALL FOUR PANELS. SEC ADDED IMF REPORTS IT HAS ON ONE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. MILLER SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD ALL MEMBERS OF PANELS INCLUDING ANY TAX EXPERT(S) ARE TO BE APPOINTED IN AGREEMENT WITH ALL PARTIES TO DISPUTE. WE CAN ACCORDINGLY AWAIT EC
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NOMINEES AND THUS NOT EXPEDITE ESTABLISHMENT OF PANELS. ON

OTHER HAND, WASHINGTON MAY HAVE CANDIDATE(S) IN MIND. IF NOMINEE(S)
NOT IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOY, QUESTION OF WHO PAYS PRESUMABLY WILL
ARRISE. SUGGEST WASHINGTON ALSO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF
APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE TAX EXPERT FOR SPEED OF PANELS' DELIBER-
ATIONS, I.E. SUCH PERSON MIGHT BE RELUCTANT ENVISAGE MEETINGS
SPREAD OVER NUMBER OF MONTHS. GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY
ABOUT SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY UNLESS WASHINGTON PREFERS LEAVE
NEXT MOVE UP TO EC. BASSIN

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